

Play Shack Fire Kills 2 Tots

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Nothing
but the
Truth

A Good Gunman



Why Banditry Succeeds

BANDITRY HAS secured its powerful position in our community because bandits go about armed while the law COMPELS HONEST CITIZENS TO BE DISARMED.

Such a situation cannot help leading to outbreaks by murderous thugs.

They tear loose because they know there is no danger in shooting at men who cannot shoot back.

This thought lends bravery to the cowardly hearts of pale-livered criminals.

The Battle of the Tombs is a dramatic example of how far such a situation will lead. Five men are dead. The lives of scores were jeopardized because of the FALSE COURAGE OF GUNMEN.

The root of this trouble is the Sullivan anti-gun law.

This statute makes it almost impossible for peaceful civilians to get permission to carry weapons for their own defense.

It leaves them at the mercy of brutal thugs WHO OBEY NO LAW, and the Sullivan law least of all.

Yesterday a criminal confessed that he had thrown pistols over the very walls of Tombs Prison, thereby arming men who were under arrest.

As far as disarming crooks is concerned the Sullivan law HAS BEEN A DEADLY FAILURE.

It has done nothing but put the lives of every honest man and woman of New York at the mercy of bandits.

Our next Legislature should wipe out this law.

It should restore to American citizens the right guaranteed in the Constitution to bear arms.

An armed group of citizens will be a secondary defense against bandits.

It will do a whole lot to put the FEAR OF LAW INTO THE HEARTS OF THE ENEMIES OF LAW.

It will be a body blow at the crime wave.

Justice in Jersey

THE HALL-MILLS trial has shown already a sample of Jersey justice that other states ought to imitate.

That was in the selection of a jury.

Instead of wasting a week or more, it took but little more than an hour to perform this routine function and to get down to business.

Dillydallying is one of the reasons that American courts have lost prestige.

If the Hall-Mills case leads to reforms in this direction it will have accomplished some good, no matter what its outcome may be.

A Brilliant Wedding

PRINCESS ASTRID of Sweden was married yesterday to Prince Leopold, heir to the Belgian throne.

The civil ceremony was performed by the mayor of Stockholm, a man who annually presents a bill to Parliament demanding the dissolution of the Swedish monarchy.

When princes and princesses are married by enemies of kings it can be judged that they figure that all thrones are wobbling badly.

It's a good plan to be on the right side of the common people before you become one of them.

"Bitter as Wormwood"

Every day might be termed a step into the unknown. We can only guess what the future will bring to us.

If your life is guided intelligently—if you are able to think twice, or several times, before you act, you may be able to steer your ship into the smooth channels of safety.

But the best of us make mistakes—many of them.

We may do the best we can with the light that guides us, and still we may find ourselves in deep waters. We may be struggling against a torrent that threatens to engulf us at any time.

The Good Book, in speaking of a woman who has taken the wrong road, says, "But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death, her steps take hold on hell." (Proverbs V. 4 and 5).

Truly a terrible arraignment.

But in many cases there are mitigating circumstances—lack of proper home influences, environments that make vice attractive, lack of vitality essential to the possession of normal feminine instincts. One or all of these influences become a powerful factor in dragging one down to the depths of despair.

Those who have grown up with the protection and affection supplied by a good home may jeer at the fallen woman. But, in many instances, she deserves sympathy.

The helping hand will often give her a chance to rise out of the mire into which she has fallen.

And it is not necessary to depict the horrors that such victims of our social system suffer.

They do not have to wait for the next world to test the terrors of Hades.

They get it right here on earth.

They are persecuted and tortured at every turn if their true character is known, especially if they hold up their heads and try to regain their self-respect.

If we could only realize that at least some of the miserable victims of such immorality were, at one time, the affectionate daughters of loving parents!

For, sometimes, the best of us go wrong!

With a sympathetic thought of this kind in mind, the words of Jesus of Nazareth, when he said, "Go and sin no more," are worthy of consideration.

Dannan Macfadden

WHAT HAVE YOU TO SAY?

All letters to the Editor must bear names and addresses or will not be published.

GANG THREATS IGNORED

To the Editor of The GRAPHIC:—

I am very much interested in your exposure of the Bum Rodgers gang. Keep up the fight. Don't be afraid of them. A gang has made my life a misery by threatening my husband. He moved away and finally died of a broken heart. I stuck it out and defied them to blow up our house.

A SYMPATHIZER.

Brooklyn.

A ROYAL LOAN

To the Editor of The GRAPHIC:—

The opinion of C. H. Scheerer praising Queen Marie is simply ridiculous and shows nothing but narrow-mindedness. The object of the Queen's visit is to procure a loan. Any notable who wishes to turn a so-called pleasure visit into a financial game cannot expect much.

AL LANDAU.

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LOVE'S LOTTERY

To the Editor of The GRAPHIC:—

Love always has been the most important factor in life. Yet who can tell what fate has in store for the young man and woman? How

many find the ideal mate? Happiness can come only from a real, true love. The everyday workman has an even chance with the millionaire for a happy marriage.

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PEERLESS PAPER

To the Editor of The GRAPHIC:—

I am a constant reader of The GRAPHIC. Often my custom pick up your newspaper and comment on its fearlessness and how it is always working in the interest of the public. It is the kind of a paper this country needs.

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SAFETY MEASURE

To the Editor of The GRAPHIC:—

One of the best ways to prevent street accidents would be to build tunnels at all busy intersections, allowing pedestrians to pass either way, and protecting them from the maelstrom of traffic. Such an arrangement would be a great boon to mothers and children.

NORMAN BROSIUS.

Elizabeth, N. J.

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